

INFORMATION BULLETIN

WELFARE-TO-WORK

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WELFARE-TO-WORK 15 PERCENT SUBGRANTEES
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SUBJECT: CHARITABLE CHOICE REGULATIONS

The purpose of this information bulletin is to inform you that the Employment Development Department (EDD) is drafting charitable choice regulations as required by Section 10006 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (Chapter 551, Statutes of 1999). The statute states, that for purposes of fully implementing the Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Grant program, EDD shall initiate the adoption of regulations interpreting the federal charitable choice option contained in Section 604a of Title 42 of the United States Code.

While the charitable choice regulations are being developed, there is nothing in State law or regulations that currently prohibits WtW grant operating entities from contracting with and utilizing religious organizations to provide services to WtW eligible participants.

If you have any questions about this bulletin, please contact Georganne Pintar Baldwin, Policy Unit Manager, at (916) 654-7611.

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